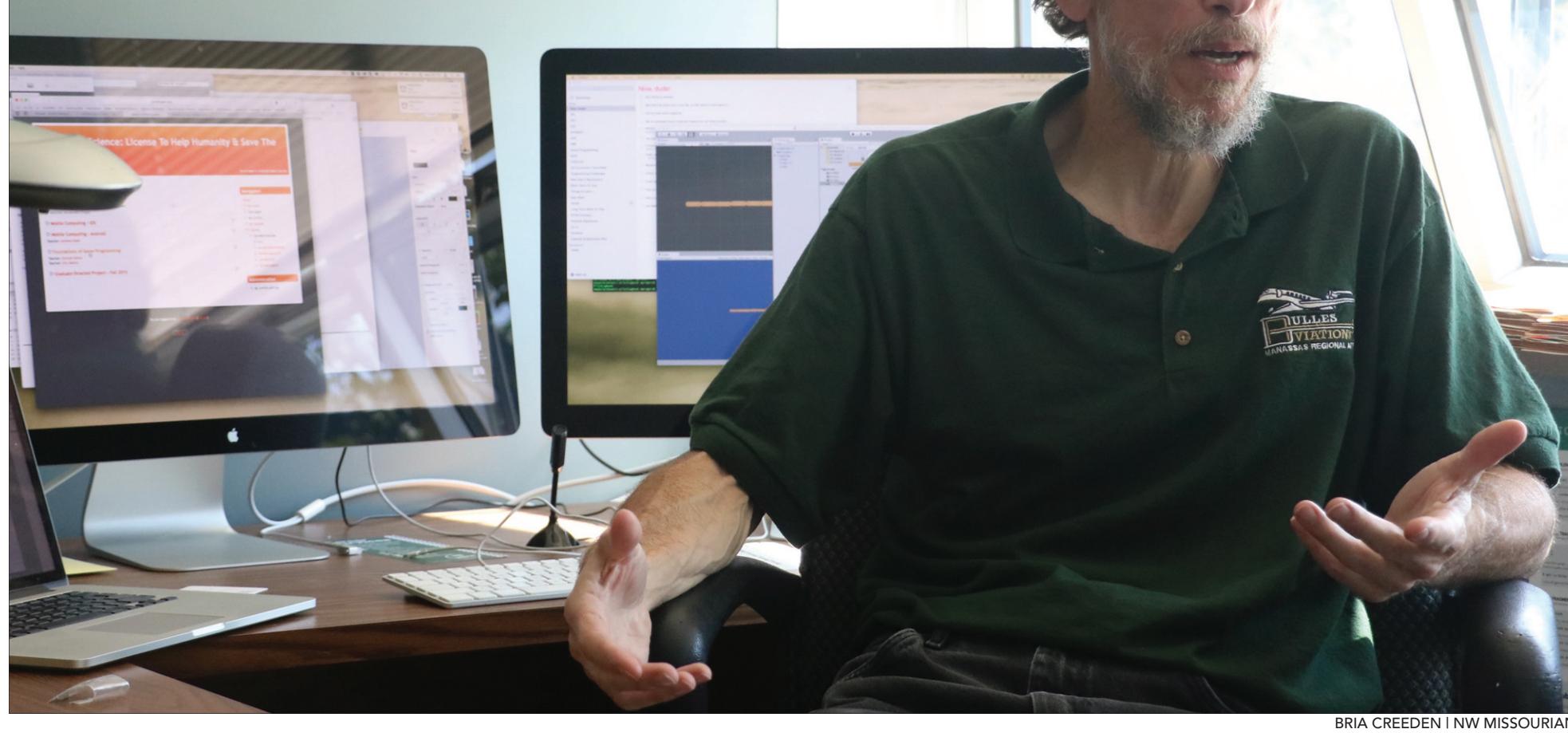


Northwest students rush out of the Student Union doors after finding out which sorority they have been invited into on bid day Monday, Sept. 14.

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## THE WAITING GAME



Foundations of game programming instructor Michael Rogers explains the class' precarious standing as a continuing Northwest computer science elective course in video programming.

### New foundation of game programming course in jeopardy of discontinuation

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The Northwest Computer Science Program has offered a new course geared more towards creative learning and video gaming. Michael Rogers, Ph.D., teaches Foundations

of Game Programming. This course is only in its second semester of instruction and is already seeing a positive response from students who are excited to have the opportunity to explore other career paths in the same department.

"I heard about this class through

one of my computer science courses and it sparked my interest," Sophomore Jamie Becker said. "It is what I would like to do in the future. My goal is to work for a video game developing company."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Development in case of naked home invasion

The court process has continued for Bradley R. Vulgamott, 34, Saint Joseph, who was charged with first degree assault, burglary and property damage Aug. 26 after a naked-break-in of a Maryville home.

According to the probable cause statement, Vulgamott allegedly threw a lawn chair through the front window of the home and entered wearing only his shoes.

He then threw the first victim to the ground and attacked the second. After a struggle, Vulgamott fled, breaking the front door in the process.

Vulgamott recently entered a not guilty plea during his arraignment. His bond was set at \$250,000.

Before released, Vulgamott would also be required to have an appointment with a psychiatric doctor and any prescribed medication would have to be taken voluntarily.

A hearing to lower Vulgamott's bond has been set for Sept. 22.

### Man arrested for assault not yet charged

A Kansas City man was arrested on charges of third-degree assault, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia and possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana outside of Franken Hall.

Dalton J. Mulligan was arrested by University Police after they received a call that Mulligan was assaulting a female outside of the building Sept. 5, according to University Police Chief Clarence Green. UPD obtained a search warrant for his vehicle and came across paraphernalia and marijuana.

Green said to the Missourian that the case was sent on to the Nodaway County Courthouse and no longer was in UPD possession.

However, Mulligan has yet to be formally charged by Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice. According to Nodaway County Courthouse Deputy Clerk Pamela O'Riley, there is no record of any case for Mulligan.

The Missourian will follow up on this case next week.



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## Math skills addresses past problems

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News Reporter | @janaaaae

Math Instructor Christina Heintz is changing the structure of Northwest math classes.

Last year, after there were more student complaints than student success stories, Heintz created a new model for Math Skills, the University's prerequisite math class. This new model allows students to come to class, hear a short lecture and take notes about things that will be in the homework and on the test before they are sent to the computers to start working.

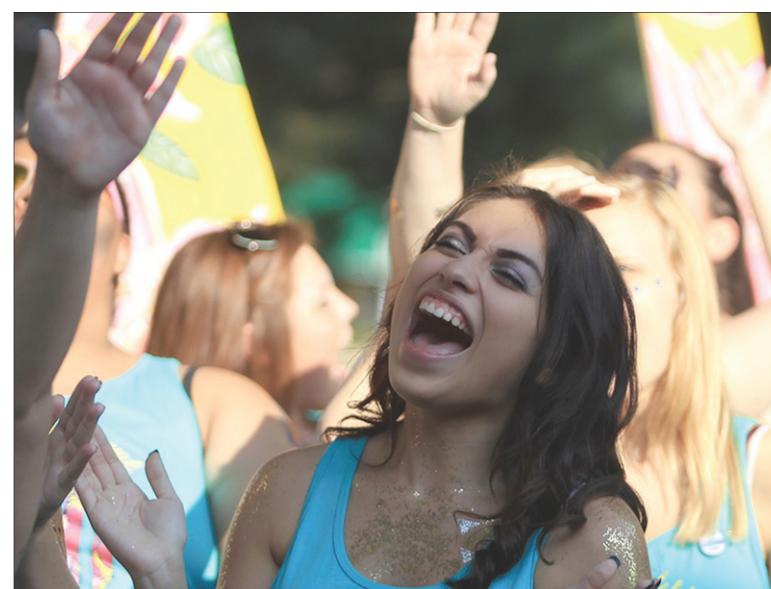
"I think that having a short lecture over the module may help students who truly need help in math," said sophomore Christen Christensen. "It can be difficult for some to actually take away mathematical concepts from the course when it is fully self-taught because most students just want to get it done and get out of the class."

In the past, students would read the book and do examples from it, but on the test or homework they would never see another problem like that.

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Northwest Greek Life gathered together in front of the Student Union for Bid Day Sept. 14. Phi Mu, (top left) Sigma Sigma Sigma, (top middle) Sigma Kappa, (bottom left) Alpha Delta Pi (top right) and Alpha Sigma Alpha (bottom right) all cheer along while waiting to welcome their new members.



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# Excessive rain forces costly fixes

**DAVID MOGLER**  
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A summer of excessive rainfall translates to a big clean up challenge for Nodaway County residents.

Above-average precipitation of rain reached 14.33 inches through the months of May to July, according to Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. David Lewis, one amongst many other farmers, experienced the brunt of subsequent damages to flooding and oversaturation.

"The most difficult part for anyone was trying to get crops planted and trying to get hay put up. There's so many field operations that you can't get completed," Lewis said.

To make matters worse, Lewis and farmers like him face the task of maintaining and repairing damages done by the inclement weather. Rebuilding and cleaning out terraces (sloping platforms like steps cut into the land used for more effective farming) are a couple of the tasks farmers must undertake on top of multiple other chores halted due to flooding.

"There are places where terraces have went over and cut ditches. You have risers (farming equipment that digs up ground) where you have to go in and fix the tile lines (plumbing beneath the field that drains excess water) that have gone bad," said Lewis concerning the damages.

The loss in productivity affects everyone in agrarian-based communities such as Maryville. The University's dining services get a lot of their food from local farmers, according to the Campus Dish Website. Excessive rain could cause anything from higher-priced meal plans (due to food shortage) to a lower quality food product due to overhydration (vegetable/fruit splitting).

Costs in repairing infrastructure may prove the biggest hit to Nodaway County. Deteriorated roads

and bridges prove to be a costly and lengthy fix. The list for repairs includes erosion to rural roads and subsequent silt accumulating in ditches. However, bigger projects remain on the books for Larry Dougan the Nodaway County Road and Bridge Supervisor and road crew in maintaining Nodaway County's infrastructure.

"We've worked on approximately 25 percent of the projects we've had, and the total amount of projects we've had is 85. We're about 75 percent short of getting things finished and that will probably take another year to a year and a half to finish," Dougan said.

Dougan estimates damages costing upwards of \$700,000 with some larger culvert projects estimated to cost \$40,000-\$50,000 alone. 11 of such projects still remain leftover from last Sept. The cost and extent of the damages even warranted aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We've got eight FEMA projects going on at the time," said Dougan.

According to Maryville Public Safety Administration Secretary Christy Forney, farmers still have a chance to receive aid from FEMA if they so choose. The Federal government's FEMA aid always covers 75 percent of the eligible cost according to fema.gov.

"...Anyone who was looking into the funding, they first have to fill out an applicant brief packet... I believe those are due the first part of October, it's a process that takes months," Forney said.

Rural roads may prove hazardous and Dougan advises that drivers remain cautious. Washouts and ruts remain a problem for some areas.

"They should look out where they're driving because there's a lot of damage still out there, there are wash outs along sides of the road, we've tried to have them marked the best we can," said Dougan.



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With excessive rain over the summer, damaged crops bring emergency funds to farmers in the Nodaway County area.

## Criminology major approved by university, awaits state

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The Missouri Board of Regents has approved Northwest Missouri State's proposal for a new major in Criminal Justice/Criminology.

The next step is having the proposal approved by the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

Humanities and Social Science Depart-

ment Chair Joel Benson hopes the University will be able to offer a new major in the near future.

"Any time any state university starts a new program, the state has to approve it. But we are very hopeful that we will soon be able to offer the new program," Benson said.

A 60-page proposal for the program has been sent to the State Board in hopes of being approved. The University could have an answer as early as January.

Along with the committee who designed the program, students are very excited about the possibility of the new major.

Sophomore Brittany Smith, who is a Psychology major with a Criminal Justice minor, thinks the program would be beneficial.

"Even though I wouldn't change my major to Criminal Justice, I think that the major would attract a lot of students because anyone who wants to go into the criminal justice field would have a better route to go," Smith said "I

wanted to learn criminal justice so I can know the rules of the government and because later in my life, it will benefit me."

Humanities and Social Sciences Professor Kim Casey, who was the lead on creating the proposal, said the idea came mainly from student demand. She is very confident that the new major will be received well.

"We have a very good criminal justice minor and I think that will only get better if we are able to add a major," Casey said.

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## Greek social media policies have benefits

ZAC DUJAKOVICH  
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the sororities. During the last couple of months of summer until recruitment, girls in sororities are required to deactivate their social media accounts to avoid a dirty rush.

Sorority leaders have a motive when requesting accounts to be shut down. This is done so girls who want to join a sorority when they get to school will not be allowed to look up other members of the sorority. This can persuade them to have skewed views on the sorority they are wishing to join.

While the act does still seem a bit odd to most, it is a smart idea. I do believe that it can be done a dif-

ferent way. While it can persuade someone to join one sorority over the other just because of something they saw on Facebook, I think shutting down your account for a couple months is a little bit too much.

There is also the argument that a member can say something bad about the sorority or post something against the organization. However, this can happen at any time. The member can post something about the organization when recruitment is over.

Another thing I do not understand is that this is only a thing that sororities have to do. The fraternities

do not have to do anything like this. Fraternity members are allowed to communicate and hang out together before recruitment even starts. This begs the question, why only sororities?

A fraternity is essentially the same group as a sorority, just with male members. If a sorority has to have all members shut down social media and cut off communication with any potential future members, why shouldn't the fraternities do the same thing?

This is one of the rare exceptions where I will agree with Greek life. I do believe they should avoid say-

ing anything to tarnish the organization they are a part of when a potential new member is watching. That could be a reason some girls may decide against joining a sorority.

I understand the reason it is done, but I believe completely shutting down social media is a little too extreme. It could be easily limited on what members are allowed to post for a determined amount of time. However, if the tradition does need to stick, treat all Greek life the same and have this practice in fraternities too. It is the least that could be done in this confusing world we call Greek life.

### OUR VIEW:

## Changes to math skills create better environment for students

The much dreaded Math Skills course is getting a makeover that could potentially help the class be less of an obstacle to students than it was before.

Math Skills was a course necessary for all students who did not complete a satisfactory level on the math section of the ACT. These students then had to enroll in this course and pass 10 modules over the course of a year. These 10 modules had to be completed in order for a student to move on to a college-level math course.

Math Instructor Christina Heintz has decided to make a change in the course to benefit the students involved. Students now only need to complete six mods instead of 10 and will now have a lecture in the class

as opposed to solely self-teaching.

One big problem with the former layout of Math Skills was that it was an online, self-taught class. Many students would speed through the mods just to be done with the class and end up having to take the test several times before they could pass it.

However, Heintz is introducing a new lecture style to be worked with in the new formatting of math skills. This is supposed to help students understand the material better and pass the homework and tests on their first try rather than attempting the test several times.

This is one class that we believe needed to be restructured completely, and it is nice to see these changes implemented. The changes to this

class made it much less stressful for students to make it through.

Another change being made was the length of the class. It was moved from 10 mods down to six. This was in hopes of getting students to finish the class in one semester rather than taking an entire year to get through. This was another great idea. Most students want to get their math credits done and out of the way. If you were previously enrolled in math skills, you had to wait for your second year of college to get the college-level course necessary for a credit. Now, you can get all math credit out of the way within one year by taking one semester of math skills and another math course.

One change that might not have as positive of an effect on students

is that tests may now be taken only once with an additional chance to fix the errors made in the first attempt. This will be helpful, but it also has a potential to hurt some students. Before, students could take the test as many times as they needed, but they needed an 80 percent on the test before they could move on. With this change, students risk getting a lower score on their tests.

Overall, we believe the changes made to Math Skills will be highly effective. All changes made to the class are for the better and make students feel like they have more of a chance at succeeding in the class. The University has listened and come through with some drastic changes to one of the most dreaded courses Northwest has to offer.

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## Students should take up responsibility, go to class

MANDI MORIN  
News Editor

pants at this point.

Not only does it cost money to miss class, but it could ultimately cost your GPA. According to "Class Attendance in College: A Meta-Analytic Review of the Relationship of Class Attendance With Grades and Student Characteristics," there is a meta-analysis relationship between class attendance and GPA. To sum it up, high attendance means a good chance at a higher grade and GPA.

Even with these facts preached in every course, students still make the conscious decision to skip class. I think I can speak for the general college population when I say we have all done it. We all decided missing that one class was totally worth getting a little more sleep or homework for another class done. The question is why?

According to "Teach Talk: Why Students Don't Attend Class," the general consensus is the actual class affects attendance, not what time of day the class is held. The factors of skipping class generally are because it seems use-

less, is lecture-driven, or seems too difficult.

Personally, I don't think that's the case for fellow Bearcats skipping class. Let me be very clear, going out on the town and drinking too many adult beverages does not constitute a legitimate reason to skip class. I repeat: getting weird with your friends until 3:00 a.m. before an 8:00 a.m. does not mean you have a good and viable reason to skip.

I get it. Having adventures with a few close compadres is a right of passage at this point, but skipping class doesn't make you cool. It makes you look like a flake to your classmates and completely unreliable to your professors.

Students would be surprised how much a professor judges character based on attendance. Professors remember faces that are most frequently in class. If a professor knows the attendance is high, they are more likely to be a little more forgiving on a failed quiz or late assignment. Just throwing that out there.

Okay, so going to class is important, but if skipping is absolutely necessary, there are ways to not go to class without the professor putting you on his or her hit list.

Communication in this era is a wonderful thing. Use it. Email, texting, calling, messenger pigeons, smoke signals, whatever you have to do, let your professor know that you will not be in class. The professors then realize that they are actually dealing with adults instead of overgrown children. Isn't that nice for everybody?

Adulthood is a scary and wonderful thing. The power to actually make decisions and dictate actions is a pretty sweet gig if you do not abuse the power. Just like childhood, a muck up equals consequences. Same goes for adulthood, except the consequences are a little more severe (and by a little, I mean a lot). As Uncle Ben would say, "With great power comes great responsibility."

Responsibility. Once in college, realization dawns pretty quickly that there is a whole new realm of adulthood that has yet been explored. One of those responsibilities is actually getting out of bed, throwing on something that smells clean and trekking to class.

Attendance policies vary from class to class, but students should want to be in class participating, considering they spend thousands upon thousands of dollars a semester for the privilege.

On average, a three credit class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Northwest costs around \$846 every semester. Missing one class costs about \$17 a pop. I don't know everybody's situation, but I wouldn't dish out \$10 for a pair of

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This new course is a special topics class that is in the balance between becoming a permanent elective course or being cut, all depending its success. According to Rogers, the main intention of this class is to provide students with the opportunity to explore a very small but popular field in computer science.

"I think what we do is more honest to our students," Rogers said. "We're preparing them generally for any field in computer science. This (class) gives them a chance to experiment, and a chance to be a little bit more creative in what they're doing. They have lots of opportunity to play."

It's a type of course that once they get hooked on it, they really want to keep going."

While it might not completely prepare students for the vast and growing field of video game programming, it does offer a chance to try.

"I think this class could give hands-on experience on a video game engine and how it operates. Maybe it will go into the inner-workings of a video game and how they come together to make a finished product. It's a good first step in gaining experience for students with a future in programming in mind," Becker said.

Knowing what major to choose is difficult enough in the collegiate world, but deciding a focus in that field is a different monster to play with.

"We find that a lot of our students come here and take computer science without being sure what

it is about computer science that they like, but almost all of them like games," Rogers said.

This is Rogers' sixth year as a Northwest professor but only his second semester teaching the class. While every beginning class has its hiccups, Rogers believes that this class has the potential to become a successful elective for Upper Division Requirements in the Computer Science major.

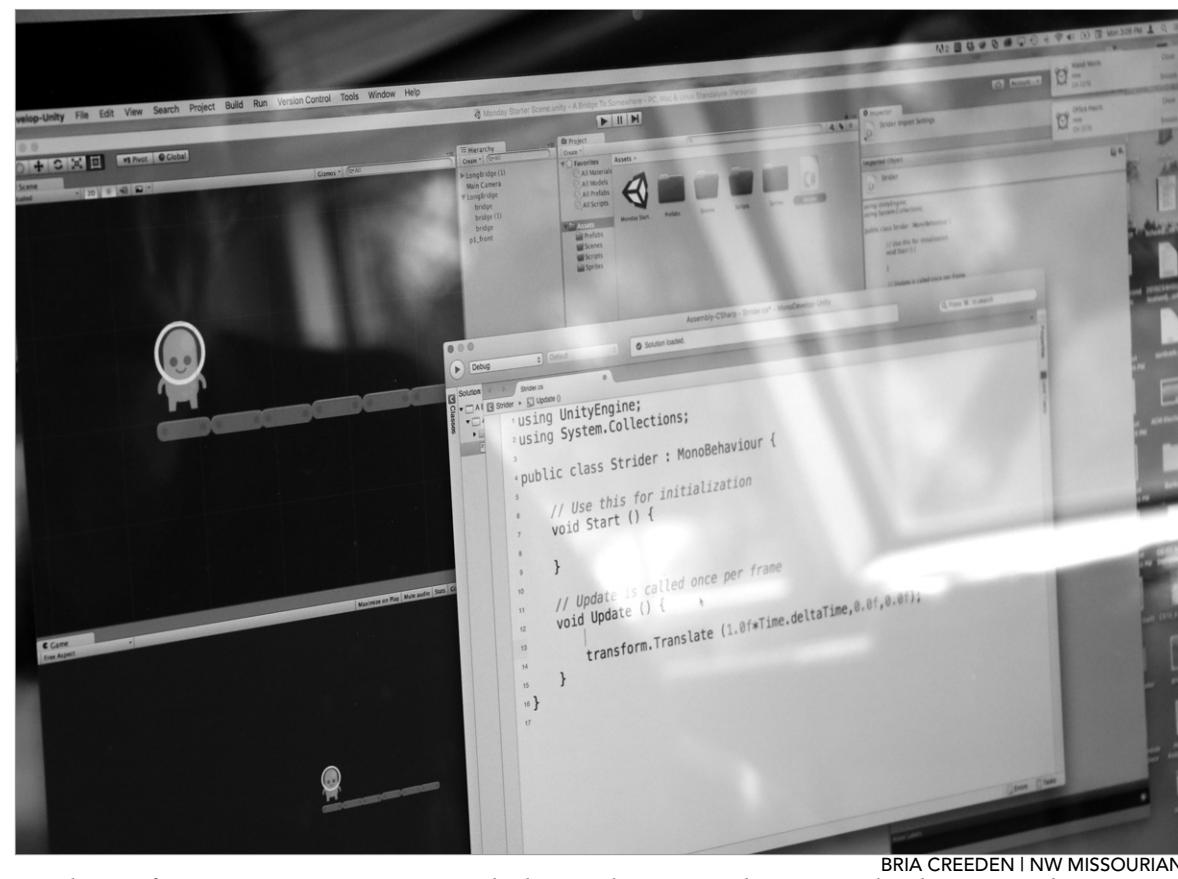
"When you teach a class for the first time, especially if it's something you're also still learning, sometimes it works well, sometimes it doesn't. It takes a little time to assimilate. I think the course is going alright. I think if I teach it a third time, that would be the charm," Rogers said.

Students have an equally, if not more positive outlook on the future and opportunities a class like this would have to offer. Even if students haven't taken the course yet, it sparks excitement about a field rather than the essential courses taken.

"The benefits for a class like this are great, especially if you are trying to make your resume a little better. You could say you have knowledge in basic game programming or put it under related coursework when applying for positions in the field," Senior John-Paul Culver said.

While pursuing a career in game programming is the dream of some students, this field is a very difficult one to infiltrate. The Northwest Computer Science Department focuses on preparing students in the main fields, but this class offers a little more specific instruction.

"We say in advance that this is not going to prepare you for the game industry, which is actually



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

**Foundations of Game Programming** instructor Michael Rogers demonstrates the engine used in class to create the games.

okay because if you look at all the different areas of computer science, the one that's the hardest to get into is game stuff," Rogers said. "This (class) does help them hone their programming skills. It helps them think about design and storytelling."

Making this course a permanent course for computer science students is an option, but the verdict is still being decided. This new field of study is an expanding one, and Northwest strives to keep up with the changing times.

"I feel that there could be more classes like this at Northwest, if only to attract more people that are interested in creating video games," Culver said. "It could become a regular option for computer science students, as an elective, because there's always interest in video game programming."

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This new model now allows students' workbooks to be graded to make sure that they understand the concepts.

"Before, it wasn't graded it was just looked at to make sure it was filled in," Heintz said.

"I think I shocked a few people last week. They said 'What? She's looking at these and grading them?' I heard all you had to do was write garbage in there and you would be fine,' but that is no longer the case."

Another change made to Math Skills is that the course has been condensed in hopes that it will only take a student one semester to complete the course as opposed to a full school year.

"I have condensed Math Skills from 10 mods to 6 units and I have pulled the most important concepts from each and put them together," Heintz said.

Also, students no longer have to get a 100 percent on their homework to move on, no matter how many tries it took to get it right.

Mathematics Department Chair Christine Benson believes that this caused many students to fall behind.

"Making students have to get 100 percent on their homework often caused many students to guess instead of learn and so now I believe they get four or five chances to fix something before they have to move on," Benson said.

The unit tests for Math Skills have also changed. Now, students are able to take the test one time and then get a chance to fix any problems that they might have gotten wrong.

They then take the test one more time. However, this change does impact the way the grades work for math skills.

"There is more accountability with that method," Benson said. "However, some people do not like

that because it means that you can actually get a C or a D in the course whereas before it was set up so that you could not go on until you showed at least 80 percent competency. Unless you were not showing up very much you were either going to get an A or B in the class."

This new method is geared toward helping students learn so that they can be successful without doing busy work.

"We want students to be successful, but legitimately successful. But with the old model, students would get behind and just never catch up. That is something we wanted to change," Benson said.

On a regular day, there are at least four tutors in the McKemy center where Math Skills is taught.

The overall goal of this new model is to better engage students in the Math Skills curriculum as well as properly prepare them for the other math courses they may have to take.

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An accident occurred between **Dillon Wait** and an unknown driver at the 300 block of West 12 Street.

**Sept. 4**

An accident occurred between **Megan M. Clausen**, 19, Fremont, Nebraska, and **Zhi Dong**, 21, at the 1100 block of South Main. Clausen received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

**Sept. 5**

There is an ongoing investigation regarding an assault at the 400 block of West Fourth Street.

An accident occurred between **Riley T. Eric**, 46, and **Blaire D. Bakko** at the 2500 block of Aurora Avenue.

**Sept. 6**

A summons was issued to **Joshua W. Schroder**, 31, for trespassing at the 1800 block of North Main Street.

**Sept. 8**

A summons was issued to **Caleb M. Allison**, 28, Ukiah, California, for driving without a license and having an invalid license plate.

There is an ongoing investigation of a dog at large at the 2000 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **William J. Harr**, 62, for failure to

yield at the corner of East South Avenue and U.S. Highway 71.

An accident occurred between **Kymbra D. Ecker**, 52, Elmo, Missouri, and **Allen R. Orgeron**, 72, at the 500 block of North Main Street.

**Sept. 9**

An accident occurred between **Mason M. Stiff**, 16, and **Phyllis J. Stoll**, 65, at the 1100 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between **Nicole R. Freemyer**, 23, and **Nelda E. Reames**, Burlington Junction, at the corner of West Second Street and Ray Avenue. Freemyer received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

**Sept. 10**

A summons was issued for property damage at the University Police Station.

**Sept. 11**

A summons was issued for stealing in the Station.

A summons was issued for an alcohol violation in Hudson Hall.

**Sept. 12**

A summons was issued for an alcohol violation in Hudson Hall.

A summons was issued for possession of a fraudulent driver's license in Perrin Hall.

A summons was issued for an alcohol violation in Dietrich Hall.

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Two summonses were issued for alcohol violations in Franken Hall.

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A summons was issued for possession of a fraudulent driver's license in Perrin Hall.

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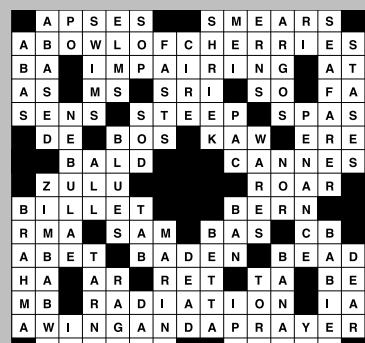
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**SOLUTIONS**  
Sept. 10

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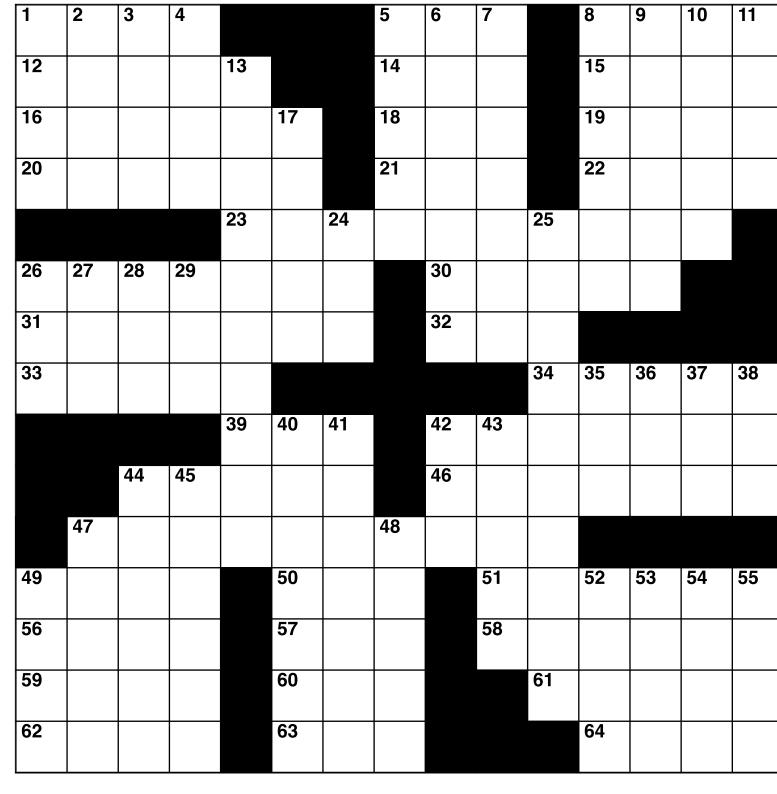
By Peter A Collins

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**Clues Across**

- W. Loman's failed son
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Wanes
- Lifeless geologic period
- No (Scottish)
- Filled chocolate cookie
- Circular chordophones
- Short-term memory
- Any small compartment
- Poisonous gas
- Cologne
- Scaleless fishes
- Ormolu
- Well-known & respected
- Man-made river embankment
- Yearned after something
- Before
- Garlic mayonnaise
- California white oak
- CNN's founder Turner
- Removed contents
- Frighten
- Responded
- "Extant" star
- Aba \_\_\_\_ Honeymoon
- Box (abbr.)
- Reptile leather
- Norse goddess of old age
- Drive obliquely, as of a nail
- Inspire with love
- Affirm positively
- European sea eagle
- Congresswoman Giffords
- Emit coherent radiation
- Fall back time
- Masses of fish eggs



- Moslem women's garment
- Quilting duo: \_\_\_\_ & Porter
- S W Pacific state
- The start of something
- Edible
- More coy
- From 56 to 34 million years ago
- Small wind
- Disney heroine
- Helios
- Existing at birth but not hereditary
- Paris river
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- More than charged
- A major division of geological time
- Japanese apricot
- Initial public offering
- A quantity of no importance
- Securities market
- Sharp part of a tool
- Downwind
- Doctor of Education
- Built up
- Borrowers
- Stray
- Country singer Haggard
- Eurasian marten pelts
- Fashion magazine Marie \_\_\_\_
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# Women experience first days in Greek Life

**REBECCA BOREN**  
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Northwest enacted its 80 year old tradition of recruitment week this past Friday. Hundreds of women showed up hoping to find a sorority that would become their new family.

Northwest Recruitment is a mutually selective process. That is to say, the sorority picks the woman but the woman must also pick the sorority.

One woman who went through this process is Shianne Kolts.

Kolts is from a small town in Nebraska and is majoring in Organizational Communications.

"I have just heard so many great things about Greek life here at Northwest just in general. I have a lot of friends who did it, but my sister was my biggest influence," Kolts said. "She joined a sorority where she went to school and just told me about all of the great people you meet as well as all the awesome connections."

Before beginning the official recruitment process, the women who are interested are invited to a series of events leading up to recruitment week. Sororities held an ice cream social, a barbecue and a showcase to introduce themselves.

"The showcase was very informative. They answered a lot of my questions, went over financial information and eased a lot of my stress," Kolts said.

After sitting on her bid for an hour, Kolts was finally able to open the envelope to reveal her new home.

"Opening my bid and seeing Sigma Kappa, almost made me cry. They were my first party and as soon as I walked in the door, I just knew I was at home," Kolts said.

While Kolts had her happy end-



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Seniors M.C. Rose and Jaclyn Fee dance together outside the Student Union during Bid Day Monday, Sept. 14.

ing, other women did not. Women were dropped from the recruitment process if they were not invited back to visit the sorority again.

Freshman Julia Parma experienced this first hand.

Parma is from Chicago, Illinois and is double majoring in Chemistry and Animal Science. Just before beginning the school year, Parma was in Bolivia competing in the Junior Pan-American Championship

for karate. She helped the USA team take second place, the best they have achieved in the last 118 years.

"I decided to do recruitment because my sister told me it would be a good way to meet new people. I

and is not going to dull the pain at all.

However, there are things that can make a break up even worse, like finding out there is someone else, realizing that the relationship has no future, and finally, a text message dumping.

As classes continue, students are finding themselves increasingly pressed for time and extremely stressed out. Those students who are trying to make a long distance relationship work are feeling the strain.

Whether they have experienced it or not, everyone can imagine the sting of a relationship being ended through a 160 character text. Why then, do people do it?

Freshman Nick Dunlap has been on both sides of the phone in this case.

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Dunlap went on to explain why he felt the break up text was necessary.

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Although he learned his lesson with text message break ups, others did not.

Junior Katie Baldus was dumped over a text message after a 10-month relationship.

"We had started dating back in eighth grade. It was the first day of freshmen year. He texted me and was like, 'I don't think we are working out anymore, we need to just break up,'" Baldus said. "I cried for about an hour then realized I didn't like him anymore."

However, Baldus had something to say to those in college thinking about breaking up via text.

"If you're not in eighth grade, don't break up with someone through a text. I have been broken up with through a phone call as well, about six months ago. Basically, you need to break up with someone in person."

However, not all relationships that end through a text stay ended. Freshman Ali Filardo was dumped

really liked Tri Sigma. They were my last group," Parma said. "I liked their philanthropy, they seemed really excited about new members. I felt like I really connected with those girls."

Reflecting on the recruitment process, Parma admits that she thought it was fun, however, it caused her a lot of stress.

"It got more and more stressful as time went on because I felt like I was trying to impress these people and get them to like me and if I didn't impress them then it was because there was something wrong with me," Parma said. "Then, if I didn't get in, I wasn't going to be involved and my friends would be doing things without me."

Despite not joining a sorority, Parma said that the experience was great for making friends, but she saw some things that made her feel differently.

"Some of the girls were being told that they were dropped completely through a group text message," Parma said. "They got girls worked up to impress people that they didn't need to. They don't need anyone else's approval."

Although Parma did not have the best recruitment experience, she is going to try and join a sorority during spring recruitment.

"I got really far with the group that I wanted. One day left. So, I want to be able to know if I will fit in," Parma said.

Despite the mixed feelings surrounding Greek Life, many women truly find their "forever home" through this process.

"I connected with so many wonderful, beautiful and truly amazing women. Not just within the sororities, but also within my Gamma Chi group. I wouldn't change this experience for anything," Kolts said.

by her boyfriend over a text, but is now back together with him.

"It was really stupid that my boyfriend didn't have the guts to break up with me to my face. Then, a couple days later he wanted to talk about it and get back together," Filardo said. "So we did and even though it was pretty hard, we learned to talk about all of our problems and arguments in person. It's so much better than breaking up over a text."

While Filardo's story ended happily, most stories do not. The impact of a text message break ups can last longer than expected. Here are some words of wisdom from Lemony Snicket, author of "A Series of Unfortunate Events."

"It is much, much worse to receive bad news through the written word than by someone simply telling you... When somebody simply tells you bad news, you hear it once, and that's the end of it. But when bad news is written down... you feel as if you are receiving the news again and again."

## Maybe we should see other people

**REBECCA BOREN**  
A&E Reporter | @beccalynnboore

It's cliche, but we have all heard it before: "It's not you, it's me" or "I think we should see other people" or even worse, "I just need some time to find myself."

Unless you are one of those people that found the love of your life in kindergarten, chances are you have gone through a breakup. Whatever the line is, it has been used before

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Junior Shawna Kingston and her dog McKinley share a smile on her front porch. Kingston loves her dog, traveling, family and her Christian faith.

## HUMANS of the NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

**SHAWNA KINGSTON**  
Photo Editor | @ShawnaKingston

So, to start it off, I'll give you a basic Tinder profile, because that is what you are suppose to do, right? I am a 21-year-old (actually today, Sept. 17, is my birthday, so holla at your girl) from Kansas City, Missouri, I am the youngest child with two older brothers, I am obsessed with my dog, and I am the Photo Editor for the Missourian

Now, get this straight, I'm obsessed with my dog McKinley. She is a 10-month-old black lab, Australian shepard mix. She is my best friend (seriously) and pretty much my child. If you ask anyone, the first thing they would tell you about me is that I love my dog more than anything in the world. It's true, and I won't deny it.

I was born and raised in Kansas City, and if

you know Kansas City or are from there, you know it is one of the best cities in the country. Kansas City will forever be my home, but I have always had the urge to travel. In April I had the amazing opportunity to fly to Ireland for the week to visit a friend. I fell in love with that country and ever since then I have wanted to move there.

Another thing you should know about me is that ever since One Direction became a thing, I have been in love. No, I am not the type of girl that fan raves over them 24/7 or that has my walls covered in posters. But I would love to marry Niall Horan if I ever had the chance.

Speaking of guys, I'm a huge country fan. I love '80's country, '90's country and current country. I love everything about it: the music, the guys (obviously Hunter Hayes, Scotty McCreery, Dierks Bentley, Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney) and the

scenery. Have you ever been out to the country? It is beyond beautiful, peaceful and quiet, and at night, you can see every star.

Now, before I close, there is one thing so near and dear to my heart that it goes beyond my dog, family, and even country music. It is my faith. Yes, I am Christian, born and raised a Southern Baptist. No, I am not a part of Westboro and never will be. Those people shouldn't call themselves Christians. Anyways, back at home I have an amazing group of high school girls who I love so dearly and I love watching them grow in their faith every day.

So, that's me. Follow me on Twitter (@shawnakington) or find me on Facebook. I love new friends and even better, I love having friends with dogs so McKinley can have friends. Peace out and holla at your girl.

## New game causes controversy

**LUKE PETERSON**  
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Controversy arose as one of the most successful video games of 2015 were released. "Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain" is the newest and final title in the successful game series.

The title was released Sept. 1, 2015 and was met with critical acclaim by various publications, including Imagine Games Network and Time magazine. The game will be the last in the series, lead by the long time series director, Hideo Kojima, after he parted ways with Konami, the company that produces the series.

The removal of Kojima's name from all the marketing has left a

longtime fan at Northwest upset with Konami.

"I've loved the MGS games for years. I wish Konami would have handled this better. It feels like they are trying to erase Hideo from the series," Sophomore Blake Pfeil said.

The change in leadership at Konami has prompted the company to focus more on mobile games rather than console games due to cost.

During this shift, the company restructured their video game production to a format where the company headquarters has more control over production.

In the spring, Konami announced it would let go of Kojima and dissolve his development studio, Kojima Productions, after "The Phantom Pain" was finished. Kon-

ami then removed Kojima and his studio from all the marketing.

Kojima was also working with film director Guillermo del Toro and actor Norman Reedus on a reboot of the Silent Hill series that was also cancelled by Konami.

"I didn't play much Metal Gear Solid growing up, but what was upsetting to me was Silent Hills getting cancelled," Senior Dylan Dennis said. "I was excited to see Reedus in a video game since I like him as Daryl in 'The Walking Dead' TV show."

The end of the partnership between Kojima and Konami is a blow to the long running series and has left the fans upset with the new game despite the critical acclaim behind it.

## THE STROLLER: Your Woman wants you to buy tampons

Yes, you read that right. It's time to put on your big boy pants and face the facts. Once in a blue moon, when the stars and planets align, women need their man to make the inevitable run to the store for feminine toiletries. We're pretty good about keeping a ready supply and then some, but life is a cruel mistress.

But, for whatever stupid reason, it's considered emasculating for men to buy feminine products. Honestly, who cares? When is the next time you will see anyone who shops at that store again and re-

member who they are?

The simple fact is, unless they are completely clueless, no one in the store will think that those feminine products are for you. Other men may mock you for it, but the truth is that they don't have a girl they are comfortable enough with to buy her tampons. Point one for you, you've got a keeper. It does get worse than fighting for tampons and my ladies out there know it.

Yes, periods are gross and annoying but as a man, there is no room to complain, only to comply. It's a life or death situation (al-

though a bit exaggerated).

All questioning aside, let's get to the point I'm trying to convey. This small favor can go a long way. It's either buy her tampons or face her wrath (and we all know how that goes). It's not rocket science guys, but here's a little tip: take a picture of the brand she likes, to avoid extra questioning when the issue arises. Just do it.

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**BROTHERS**

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At Crete High School, Brock and Chase spent most of their time on the same side of the ball. Brock earned all-state honors as a running back while Chase was a two time Omaha World Herald All-Nebraska selection on the offensive line.

The two helped lead Crete High School to an undefeated season as well as a Class B state championship.

When Brock came to play linebacker for the Bearcats while Chase was still playing offensive line in high school, he used to joke with his younger brother, asking him if he thinks he could still block him.

As a senior at Northwest, Brock has emerged as the starting linebacker and the captain of the Bearcat defense. Chase is in his third season starting for the Bearcat offensive line as a junior.

Now that the two are able to line up on opposite sides of the ball in practice, the sibling rivalry is in full effect.

"There's kind of that mentality that if I ever get to go up against him, I can't let him beat me," Chase said. "Most of the time he does, but there's always that mentality that if I get to him, I can't let him show me up."

Although they are brothers, Brock and Chase have very different approaches to the game of football.

Before a game, Chase is cool and collected. He does not want his nerves to take over, so he likes to stay calm while he goes through his game day rituals.

Brock takes a much more fiery approach to his game preparation, something he attributes to the nature



Northwest fans tough it out in the rain during the Bearcats first home game Sept. 3.

of his position.

"I definitely try to be [more fiery], especially on defense," Brock said. "Especially at linebacker. You have to be more vocal, be louder, and be able to get the defense fired up. That's when I feel like we're playing our best, when we're all talking, kind of like someone just lit a fire under us."

Head Coach Adam Dorrel said the best compliment he can give a player is that he is tough. Dorrel said that both Brock and Chase exemplify just that.

"Both of those kids are very tough, blue-collar, hard-nosed kids," Dorrel said. "Our kids trust them. They've both played in a lot of foot-

ball games, they're warriors in the weight room, and they work extremely hard to get themselves in a position to win each week. I've said it before, I think good leaders make people around them better and I think both of those guys make their position units better."

Some may think that once the eldest brother in a family of top-notch athletes is recruited, it is a guarantee that the rest of the family will follow. Dorrel said this only happens if the eldest has a good experience with the program. This has been the case with many family names over the course of Bearcat football history.

"If you're able to recruit siblings, to me that means the older one

has enjoyed his experience," Dorrel said. "It means we have done things right, and that this University has done things right. Anytime you get into a recruiting situation and that sibling will listen, to me it's a good thing."

Brock Sherman and the Bearcat defense look to continue their historically good start to the young season as they head to Warrensburg, Missouri to take on the Central Missouri Mules.

Last week, the Bearcats gave up a touchdown to Missouri Southern in the final minutes of the game, missing out on back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1984.

The Bearcat defense comes into

its game against Central Missouri ranked first in the MIAA in rush defense and second in the MIAA in pass defense. This defensive unit has allowed just 143 rushing yards and 256 passing yards in its first two games combined.

This weekend will present a new challenge as Northwest faces off against junior quarterback Garrett Fugate who is second in the MIAA in passing offense.

Last weekend, Fugate totaled 484 yards of total offense in the Mules 45-34 loss to Emporia State.

"The thing that I see with (Fugate) is that he's tough," Dorrel said. "He's not afraid to run and lower his pads. He's also doing a great job of throwing the deep ball right now. These first two games there were a couple of throws that he made that not a lot of guys in our league can make."

This weekend's game marks the first Saturday game the Bearcats have played this season. With a long week to prepare, it can be easy to slack off early in the week. Dorrel said that this is not the case for his team. He said his players have been mentally locked in since Monday.

"I'm just so proud of our kids," Dorrel said. "I can't even tell you how many kids were in the office (Monday) watching film. It gives us a lot of confidence as coaches."

Then we go out and have practice, and for a Monday practice it was unbelievable to see the mental capacity that these kids are spitting out right now. Their care-factor is very high right now in each other and in what we are trying to do."

The Bearcats take on Central Missouri at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at Walton Stadium in Warrensburg, Missouri.

**REUTER**

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The ability to kick the ball is something that runs in the family. Reuter's father, Dale Reuter, is the head coach for the Spoofhounds girls soccer team. His two older sisters also play soccer.

Ashton Reuter is a freshman for the Bearcat women's soccer team and Kylie Reuter is going into her senior season for the Spoofhounds

girl soccer team. Reuter says he broke the tradition of playing soccer early in middle school.

"Everyone started playing when they were in second grade," Reuter said. "My dad, he wanted me to play soccer instead. I played soccer until I was in sixth grade and then I started playing football. My dad is the coach at the high school and both my sisters play soccer. So we were always a soccer-first family."

When asked what he thought about his touchdown run last week, Reuter stayed humble giving the credit to the offensive line.

"As a kicker, you don't get in on too many of those runs," Reuter said. "When I get in on offense, I just try to do whatever I can to help the team. Our offensive line blocks really well for us, too."

It has yet to be determined whether or not Zimmerman will

play at middle linebacker this week. If not, Reuter will get the start.

Maryville is at home against Cameron at 7 p.m. Friday. The Dragons, who are 1-3 this season and 0-2 in Midland Empire Conference play, look to get back on track after three straight losses. They average 12 points per game while giving up 23.25 points per game.

"Cameron's very well coached," Webb said. "They do some different

things on offense, so you don't know what scheme to prepare for. That makes them dangerous because you can't really prepare for one thing."

Their skill positions are a bit younger on the offensive side in comparison to their line. They're good on the offensive and defensive line. They have played two MEC teams very close, and I know their coaching staff will have them prepared for us."



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Chandra Shurvington brings experience as a player to her new job as a coach.

# Hounds' new softball coach provides fresh look

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Turning around a program that has consistently had a losing record would be hard for any coach, but for a first year head coach, that could prove to be a daunting challenge. That challenge has been bestowed upon Maryville softball Head coach Chandra Shurvington.

A little more than a month before Maryville's softball season kicked off, Shurvington did not even know she was about to be the team's next head coach. Shurvington was first hired to be the team's assistant head coach, but circumstances changed. Leslie Schulte was unable to coach the team due to demands brought on by her new job.

When Maryville failed to find a replacement for Schulte, Shurvington stepped up and took on the added responsibility.

Before getting into coaching, Shurvington played as a right fielder and a first baseman. During Shurvington's four years of high school, she was part of some successful teams. Shurvington's high school career got off to an exciting start.

During her freshman year, her team won a state championship.

During Shurvington's sophomore year, on through her senior year, she took on a starting role. During her time as a starter, Shurvington learned the necessary traits it takes to be a head softball coach at any level.

"I played with girls who went on to play major college ball. We just had a really strong team," Shurvington said. "I played with girls who were great athletes, who put in a lot of hard work and we really learned to learn from our upperclassmen. It was like a double whammy. We had a great coach and great upperclassmen."

When her high school career was over, Shurvington knew she wanted to continue to be involved with the game of softball. Shurvington got her first chance in the coaching ranks as an assistant coach at South Harrison.

After spending a year at South Harrison, Shurvington was offered a teaching job working for the Maryville school district.

The moment she became Maryville High School's Softball coach, Shurvington wanted to translate the winning mentality she experienced in high school over to her new program. Shurvington will admit the transition has not been the smoothest, but

things could be a lot worse.

"(There have been) a few glitches here and there, but nothing major," Shurvington said. "The girls are great to work with, so we are definitely getting the ball rolling."

Maryville suffered through a difficult 3-19 season last year. One of the challenges that Shurvington was faced with was restoring her players' confidence. Senior Abbie Greeley is one player who has bought into the program and really enjoys playing for coach Shurvington's.

"I think she makes it fun," Greeley said. "She definitely helps out in all ranges of players' abilities. She's definitely relatable, even though there is a close age-gap. She can definitely help us out. She's been in our shoes before so she knows our strengths and weaknesses."

This year, the Spoofhounds have gotten off to a rough start as their record sits at 3-9. Despite the rough start to her tenure, Shurvington has shown potential and poise. Based on her winning mentality and ability to relate to her players, Shurvington looks like she has what it takes to turn this team around in future years to come.

## Bearcat cross country preps for next challenge

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The Northwest cross country team is looking to keep its form as they move forward into their next competition. The Bearcats will ship up to Lincoln, Nebraska for the Woody Greeno Invitational.

In Northwest's second competition of the year, the Bearcats will go

up against 30 different teams.

"We will be looking out for the division one teams. Obviously the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be running, and I'm really curious to see how we compare to them," Head Coach Scott Lorek said. "Emporia State is the only team from our conference that will be there."

With so many teams at the meet, the Bearcats have to focus more on

their technique as they are running through the course.

"The amount of teams affects when you make moves and knowing the course and when to get around," Lorek said. "You can't just run an even-paced tempo in the race. You have got to do more competitive things and move when you can."

As the Bearcats are making moves throughout the course, they

will have to be very technical. They need to know how to position themselves as they maneuver into narrow spots of the course. All of that aside, Northwest sees the competition against a wide range of opponents as a way to see where they stand.

"We've got a couple of guys roughed up right now but overall I think we should have a good showing," senior Ryan Cox said. "We get to see a lot of different levels of teams, so it is good to compare us to everyone else in the season."

To help prepare and create team bonding for next week's race, the

cross team held a chocolate milk mile. For every lap the players ran, they had to chug 16 ounces, so a half-gallon of chocolate milk was chugged throughout the race for each person.

"It started last year with Wick Cunningham," Cox said. "The whole guys team ran and half of the girls ran. It was a little brutal. Wick ended up winning with a time of 5:25, which includes the amount of time it takes to chug. Tim Grundmeyer took second and I took third."

The milk mile was so brutal that every participant got sick.

### FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings	
Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	2-0
Pittsburg St.....	2-0
Fort Hays St.....	2-0
Emporia St.....	2-0
Central Missouri.....	1-1
Lindenwood.....	1-1
Missouri Western.....	1-1
Washburn.....	1-1
Nebraska-Kearney.....	0-2
Central Oklahoma.....	0-2
Missouri Southern.....	0-2
Northeastern St.....	0-2

### VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings	
Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	8-0
Central Missouri.....	9-1
Central Oklahoma.....	8-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	7-2
Lindenwood.....	6-2
Missouri Western.....	6-2
NORTHWEST.....	6-2
Emporia St.....	4-4
Fort Hays St.....	4-4
Southwest Baptist.....	1-7
Pittsburg St.....	0-4
Missouri Southern.....	0-8

#### Sept. 19

NORTHWEST at Central Missouri  
Fort Hays St at Lindenwood  
Nebraska-Kearney at Missouri  
Southern

Washburn at Pittsburg State

#### Sept. 26

Central Oklahoma at NORTHWEST  
Missouri Southern at Washburn  
Central Missouri at Nebraska Kearney

#### Sept. 19

NORTHWEST vs. Henderson St.  
NORTHWEST vs. Oklahoma Baptist

#### Sept. 25

NORTHWEST vs. Southwest Baptist

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings	
Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	4-0
Northeastern St.....	4-0
Emporia St.....	3-1
Missouri Western.....	3-1
Missouri Southern.....	2-2
Central Oklahoma.....	2-2
Lindenwood.....	1-1-1
NORTHWEST.....	1-1-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-1-2
Washburn.....	0-1-2
Fort Hays St.....	1-3
Southwest Baptist.....	1-3

#### Sept. 18

NORTHWEST at Missouri  
Western  
Lindenwood at Central  
Missouri

#### Sept. 20

Central Missouri at  
NORTHWEST  
Lindenwood at Missouri  
Western

### MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings	
Overall	MEC
Maryville.....	4-0
Smithville.....	3-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-1
Benton.....	2-2
Chillicothe.....	3-1
Lafayette.....	1-3
Cameron.....	1-3
Savannah.....	1-3

#### Sept. 18

Maryville vs. Cameron  
Bishop LeBlond vs. Chillicothe  
Smithville vs. Lafayette

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# Bearcat volleyball off to historic start

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Northwest Missouri State's volleyball team has started off the 2015 season in an extraordinary fashion. The team's 4-0 start at the Hall of Fame City Challenge September 4-5 was the best start it has had in 15 years.

During their fast start, the Bearcats have shown some resilience. At the Hall of Fame City Challenge, Northwest won all four games on a steaming court with a broken air conditioner.

"It was very hard going in that gym two games a day," sophomore Alexis Williams said. "One of our games went to four sets, so it was definitely challenging. But, it will help us in the long run to just focus on what we have in front of us. We just have to focus on playing together and focusing on the goal, which is winning."

The four teams the Bearcats beat in the Hall of Fame City Challenge had a combined record of 67-59 last year with one of the teams making it to Regionals. In their third victory of the season, Northwest beat Edinboro University. That victory could prove to be important when it comes time

for post-season consideration. Edinboro has gotten off to a 6-1 start this year and Northwest is one of three teams that has been able to beat them in a set.

"Our girls this year, we are ready to win, we really want to win this year," Williams said. "I really think that we proved that in our first tournament and we had a lot of confidence in each other. We worked our butts off in preseason. I feel like once we got to our tournament that the hard work we have been going through is paying off and it will continue to payoff this season."

After starting off 5-0 last weekend, the Bearcats experienced their first defeat of the season at the hands of Augustana at the Augustana Volleyball Showcase. Even though they lost, the Bearcats remain optimistic. They played against a tough Augustana team in front of its home crowd. Northwest finished 2-2 overall in the Augustana Volleyball Showcase. The even finish proved that Northwest can compete with some of the toughest teams in the country.

At the conclusion of both the Hall of Fame City Challenge and the Augustana Volleyball Showcase, coach Woerth said she is happy with



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN  
Girls Northwest volleyball team practice bunt drills during practice Sept. 14. Volleyball's first home game is Sept. 25.

the way her team performed because she knows the challenges those tournaments presented. The Augustana Volleyball Showcase pitted Northwest against Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference teams that they could potentially face again if they make it to Regionals.

"Their conference is a better conference, one of the best conferences in the country," Woerth said.

"They all play at a high level. They have very good volleyball in that conference top to bottom. There are 16 teams and they are very tough."

The Bearcats now sit at 6-2 overall. Only two games separate them from the beginning of conference play. This is Woerth's third season as the head coach and during that time, the Bearcats have not had a winning record or been to the

NCAA tournament. If her team can maintain its early season momentum, all of that could change.

The Bearcats will travel to St. Joseph Sept. 19 where they will play against Henderson State and Oklahoma Baptist. Their first game against Henderson State will begin at 12 p.m. and their second game against Oklahoma Baptist will begin at 4 p.m.

## New defender makes early impact

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Sophomore defender Elizabeth Finn is already lighting up the field as a new addition to the Bearcat soccer team.

As a freshman, Finn played guard for the Northwest basketball team, but made the switch to soccer during the offseason. Her impact is already being felt early this season.

During the Bearcats' second game of the season, Finn made an overtime goal that lifted Northwest to its first victory over Sioux Falls.

"It was really exciting," Finn said. "Personally, and just for the team overall because it is my first year playing."

With the new system that Northwest uses this year, the Bearcats are now playing with four defenders instead of the three-man backline that they had last season. This allows outside defenders, like Finn, to come up on the wings into an attacking position. Finn's athleticism helps her make these types of plays.

"She came onto the team in fantastic shape, she stands out on the field, and she never gives up," Head Coach Tracy Hoza said. "She was in a defensive position and came up

from that position and put herself in a place to score (the overtime) goal. Her fitness definitely played well out there."

If it wasn't for Finn's fitness and intelligence to come up on that play, the Bearcats would have left with another draw for the season.

"There was a corner kick and Jessica Bradley sent in a beautiful cross. Crystal McElhose got a touch on it and the keeper knocked it away," Finn said. "Then, Ashley Cole took a shot and a defender tried to clear it but she kicked it in to me. I was in the right place at the right time."

Finn is glad she made the transition back to playing soccer, a sport that she missed. The team is glad to have her as well and is giving her high praise.

"She's a hard worker, determined, and calm and confident on the ball," Hoza said. "She goes box-to-box and that's what an outside defender should do in the system we are playing."

As for the rest of the Bearcats, the team is still trying to improve as the season goes on. After Finn's overtime thriller, Northwest went on to draw and then lose their next two games. The Bearcats traveled

to Minnesota last weekend to face Minnesota-Crookston and then Bemidji State.

Northwest tied with Minnesota-Crookston 1-1 and went into overtime for its third straight game. Senior defender Elizabeth Lee scored the game tying goal while McElhose and Finn both had shots on goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Ashley Malloy recorded a season-high 10 saves.

The next game against Bemidji State did not turn out as well for the Bearcats who lost 4-0. Malloy made several good stops and recorded seven saves, but still came up short as she allowed four goals. The Bearcats were again finding problems in the attacking third only taking six shots.

"What we need to work is what we do in the final third," Hoza said. "We tend to freeze a little bit and need more aggression and composure when we are in and around the box."

The Bearcats look to improve in the final third during their next game against rivals Missouri Western at 4 p.m. Sept. 18. Northwest's first home game will be played at noon Sept. 20 at Bearcat Pitch against the University of Central Missouri.



Sophomore Elizabeth Finn dribbles during practice, Sept. 14.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### BEARCATS

**Shane Williams**



The sophomore wide receiver for the football team had six catches for 106-yards and two touchdowns in the Bearcat's 48-7 win against the Missouri Southern Lions.

**Jackie Becker**



The junior mid hitter had seven blocks, 11 kills and two digs.

### SPOOFHOUNDS



**Trey Oglesby**



The junior quarterback for the football team completed seven of 12 passes for 203-yards and two touchdowns in Maryville's victory against Bishop LeBlond.

**Amanda Volner**



The senior pitcher for the softball team recorded a win as well as an RBI during the Stanberry Tournament. The Spoofhounds went 1-2 in the tournament.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

# BROTHERS IN ARMS

**The sibling rivalry between Brock and Chase Sherman continues during their time at Northwest**

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Family legacies are nothing new to the Northwest football program. From Blake and Brady Bolles to Brandon and Brian Dixon, the Bearcats have a strong tradition of family lineage. This season, the Bearcats continue that tradition with Brock and Chase Sherman.

The story of the sibling rivalry between Brock and Chase did not start here in Maryville, but in the

small town of Crete, Nebraska. The two have fond memories of their brotherly competitions dating back to their days wrestling in the living room of their childhood home.

"I don't know how many fights my mom had to break up," Brock said. "One time we were sumo wrestling and I jumped up for some reason and (Chase) pushed me, and my hand went right through our big screen TV. My parents weren't too happy about that."

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**BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN**  
Junior offensive lineman Chase Sherman (left) and senior captain linebacker Brock Sherman (right) are both starting for the Bearcats for third consecutive season.

## Versatile junior provides boost for hounds

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The more versatile the player, the better chances the player has to see the field. That seems to be the mantra for junior Jacob Reuter.

Reuter plays both kicker and punter while splitting time between fullback and linebacker for the Spoofhounds football team.

Last week, Reuter carried the ball five times for 72 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown run in the Spoofhounds' 35-8 win over Bishop LeBlond. Reuter also replaced senior Trevor Zimmerman at middle linebacker in the second half after Zimmerman injured his leg.

Reuter said that since he plays four positions, his practice routine changes daily. This helps him obtain equal reps in each position, even if that means staying later than everyone else.

"I switch every day," Reuter said. "I usually start with the running backs, then I switch to linebacker depending on what offense is running. On Tuesdays I do kicking and Wednesdays I do punting. After practice I also go kick."



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Reuter is not your average kicker. He has made 13 out of 14 extra points and made his lone field goal. He stands at 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. This gives him a big enough build to make him a physical runner in between the tackles.

Head coach Matt Webb says bringing Reuter in at fullback against a tired opposing defense helps the Spoofhounds offense rest

while not missing a beat.

"Jacob's a good football player," Webb said. "When you're fresh on offense and going against a defense that has been out there over and over again, it makes a difference. He ab-

solutely does a good job running the football, and on defense he does a good job for us at linebacker."

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